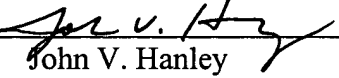


branch vessel at the arterial bifurcation. Again, it is believed to be significant that Goicoechea states that "If a prosthesis is required in one or both of the branched arteries, a separate prosthesis...can be connected to the bifurcated prosthesis." Thus, Goicoechea does not teach the subject matter recited in the claims which require a body that is configured so that at least a first leg extends into one of the second and third sections of vasculature in combination with an extender in the form of a graft configured to mate with the first leg.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims recite allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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